

Preserving a Walk in the Park

In the 1930s, mill workers in East Walpole who wanted a beach experience needed to venture no farther than Francis William Bird Park, where they could enjoy a replica Atlantic “shoreline,” complete with sand, water, and surf-smoothed rocks.

Francis William Bird Park in East Walpole became The Trustees' 94th reservation. Since 1926, the park has provided a much-appreciated place of respite for the community.

FRANCIS WILLIAM
BIRD PARK
EAST WALPOLE

We often value open space for what it isn't—a strip mall, industrial park, or golf course. But the true value of open space extends to the unique features it preserves. Such is the case of Francis William Bird Park in East Walpole (locally called “Bird Park”), an 89-acre property that became The Trustees' 94th reservation in January of 2003.

Created in 1926 by the Bird family and dedicated to their son, Francis William Bird, the park was designed to refresh weary urban residents with a soothing natural setting. As envisioned by noted landscape architect and town planner John Nolen, the park was a microcosm of natural New England, containing rolling hills, meadows, ponds, and even a naturalistic bathing pool meant to resemble the seashore.

Though the bathing pool was shut down long ago, the park remains an elegant oasis of greenspace in a busy Boston suburb. Mature trees shelter a woodland brook, footbridges, and trails, and still ponds provide a tranquil setting.

“It's an honor to help preserve this public resource for people of all ages to enjoy,” says Director of Land Conservation Wes Ward.

The gift of Francis William Bird Park, seven acres of nearby athletic fields known as Ellis Field, and an accompanying endowment for the properties' care in perpetuity comes from The Francis William Park Trust, which has maintained them for the public's benefit since 1929. As a Trustees reservation, the park will be open to the public free of charge and will be managed in cooperation with the community and town.

“The prospect of working with The Trustees is exciting,” said Philip Conway, Chairman of the Friends of Francis William Park, a volunteer community group that supports the park. “At a time when open space is often developed, it is wonderful to have a commitment from The Trustees to protect this jewel.”

Looking ahead, The Trustees will gather data about the park, its resources, and how visitors use it, and then form a committee of staff and community members to draft a management plan. The draft will be presented to the community for review, and the resulting plan will guide stewardship of the park.

For more information, contact Becky Siebens at 781/828-5423 (bsiebens@ttor.org). ■



KENDALL'S CORNER

Beyond City Limits

If a blanket of new-fallen snow delights you, 2003 may well be a year to remember. As I write this, it's only January, and already we've had several substantial storms. From the cross-county ski trails at Notchview in Windsor to the snowy ledges of Peaked Mountain in Monson, our reservations are providing people with a chance to experience a classic New England winter.

Preserving the refreshing power of nature for people to enjoy is exactly why Charles Eliot founded the Trustees of Reservations in 1891. But Eliot didn't believe a journey to the far-flung corners of the state was required to enjoy nature. He knew that scenes of natural beauty lay just outside the doors of Boston, where nearly 70 percent of the state's population lived.

In our 1997 *Landscape Protection Plan*, we reaffirmed Eliot's commitment to preserving open space near urban residents. Our work ranges from our joint stewardship of Community Gardens in Boston to the recent addition of Francis William Bird Park in East Walpole to our system of statewide reservations. Today, more than half the

state's population lives within 10 minutes of a Trustees reservation.

As was true in Eliot's day, our success stems from the generosity of donors who share our vision of protecting open space for people to enjoy. The Bird family created Francis William Bird Park for the people of East Walpole in 1926. When he wanted to ensure the highest quality of stewardship for the park, Charles S. Bird III turned to The Trustees. His faith in our ability to care for his family's extraordinary legacy comes first hand. In 1925, his father helped the Trustees sponsor a conference on "The Needs and Uses of Open Space In Massachusetts," and he served as the chairman of our standing committee from 1933-1956. Helping us to establish Francis William Bird Park as our 94th reservation is simply the latest act of a family dedicated to conservation.

With each new reservation, we're bringing a chance to reconnect with nature to more and more people. With your support, we'll continue to expand the network of protected open space. So the next time it snows, you won't have to dream of distant hills. Just grab your skis, snowshoes, or sled and head for the open space right outside your door.

Andy Kendall
Executive Director

The Trustees on TV February 17!

Chronicle, Channel 5's award-winning news magazine, spent two weeks filming Trustees properties with state-of-the-art high definition television equipment. See The Trustees like never before on **February 17, at 7:30 PM** on WCVB-TV Channel 5 (and WCVB-DT Channel 20, for those of you with high definition TVs).

Visit www.thebostonchannel.com/chronicle for any scheduling changes.

Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization that preserves, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. Today, The Trustees owns, manages, and interprets 94 reservations totaling over 23,300 acres of land, and protects more than 13,800 acres through the use of conservation restrictions on over 210 parcels of private land. The Trustees of Reservations is not an agency of state government. We rely for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events, and endowments.

For information about becoming a member or to request a change of address, please contact the Membership Office at 978/921-1944, email us at membership@ttor.org, or visit our website at www.thetrustees.org.

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EDUCATION

Using Reservations as Classrooms

Saving open space is only the first step in preserving the best of the Massachusetts landscape. To develop the next generation of stewards, The Trustees is expanding efforts to use our reservations as classrooms for children.

COPICUT WOODS FALL RIVER

Copicut Woods, part of the 13,600-acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioserve, is an ideal setting for place-based education. There, The Trustees is developing programs related to the history, land use, and ecology of the bioserve. We began by teaming with the Westport River Watershed Alliance to lead summer field trips for 400 children enrolled in daycare at a local antipoverty agency.

This fall, Outreach and Education Coordinator Linton Harrington involved 290 kids from local agencies in after-school programs combining classroom instruction with field trips to the bioserve. The children played games related to habitat protection, classified native species, and studied biodiversity.

Linton is expanding the after-school programs to new organizations and is developing a youth corps to serve as hands-on assistants and bioserve ambassadors.

For more information, contact Linton Harrington at 508/679-2115 x12 (lharrington@ttor.org).

CLASSES ON THE SOUTH SHORE

Along the South Shore, Education and Interpretation Coordinator Tara Nieves found that an increasing number of local schools wanted to use Trustees reservations as teaching tools. In fact, 450 students from nine local schools visited South Shore reservations over the past year to participate in an educational program or interpretive tour.

In response, The Trustees developed "Beyond the Classroom," a series of nature classes that help school children better understand our reservations' resources. Each hour-and-a-half program features hands-on activities, such as carding wool at Weir River Farm or identifying green crabs along the shore of World's End.



TOP LEFT Inspecting invertebrates at Copicut Woods in Fall River.

TOP RIGHT Life on a farm at Weir River Farm in Hingham.

RIGHT Learning to navigate by compass at Ravenswood Park, Gloucester.



Over the summer, more than 300 children took advantage of seasonal programs to learn about farm animals, salt marshes, and the local animals and plants that rely on our reservations. And Tara has recently expanded fall programs to introduce local pre-school children to Whitney and Thayer Woods and the Norris Reservation.

For more information, contact Tara Nieves at 781/740-7233 (tnieves@ttor.org).

INTERPRETING CAPE ANN

Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous donor, the position of Cape Ann Education and Interpretation Coordinator was created last year to help visitors appreciate the nature of this unique peninsula.

Since May, Jessica Kagle has been developing outdoor natural history

explorations for school and youth groups from pre-school through the 6th grade. Program topics include animal habitats, marine and freshwater life, and forest succession. So far, children from three local schools and three youth groups have participated. Looking ahead, Jessica plans to expand her programs to cover middle- and high-school students.

In addition to working with school groups, Jessica has developed 25 nature programs for children and adults, such as a recent Winter Wild Tea that taught participants how to identify and prepare a variety of forest teas.

To find out more, contact Jessica Kagle at 978/412-2574 (caininterp@ttor.org). ■



PLEASE HELP STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR ANNUAL APPEAL GIFT!

March 31, 2003, marks the end of our fiscal year and we still need to raise at least \$300,000. Your vital donations sustain stewardship efforts at our growing network of 94 reservations. With your help, we'll conduct new land conservation initiatives and expand our education programs, ensuring that our children and grandchildren will become informed and inspired stewards of the Massachusetts landscape.

Contributing is easy! You can use the Annual Appeal packet that was mailed to you, donate on-line at www.thetrustees.org, or mail a check marked "Annual Appeal" to The Trustees of Reservations at 572 Essex Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

STEWARDSHIP

New Management Plan for Crane Wildlife Refuge

From the summit of 135-acre Choate Island in the heart of the Crane Wildlife Refuge, views unfold of the scenic salt marsh, the barrier beach, and islands of the

Essex River Estuary. In a landscape where open space is quickly vanishing, the 697-acre refuge is a sanctuary from development for wildlife and people alike. Keeping it that way—forever—is the goal of a new management plan.

“Ecological management at our reservations strives to integrate public use and resource protection,” says Regional Ecologist Franz Ingelfinger, who calls the plan a blueprint for stewardship.

As part of a larger, undeveloped landscape, the refuge creates a feeling of solitude and provides visitors with a rare opportunity to enjoy a wilderness-like experience in northeastern Massachusetts. Managing the property as a wildlife refuge will place precedence on natural resource protection and will help preserve the defining characteristics of solitude and wilderness.

According to the plan, hedgerows will be removed from former agricultural fields to improve grasslands for nesting birds, and invasive species will be fought aggressively. Self-guided trails will be combined with guided walks and educational programs



to inspire a sense of stewardship, ecological understanding, and appreciation for the interdependence of people and ecology.

Meanwhile, outreach programs will encourage local landowners to protect open space around the refuge. And the legacy of land use, which extends back 10,000 years and includes some 200 years of farming and timber clearing, will be preserved through the repair and maintenance of the refuge's historic structures, including a first period timber-frame building and a World War II-era summer cottage.

The plan's recommendations are based on an extensive survey of the refuge's scenic, historic, and ecological resources by staff ecologists, historians, and volunteers. Also guiding the plan were the wishes of donor Miné S. Crane, who requested that the refuge be preserved “in its natural state for the benefit, education, and enjoyment of the public.”

For more information about the management plan, contact Franz Ingelfinger at 978/412-2569 (neecology@ttor.org). ■

MEMBER BENEFITS

Trustees Launch New and Improved Website

Exploring the best of the Massachusetts landscape is easier than ever with The Trustees' new and improved web site www.thetrustees.org.

Through an interactive map of the state, you'll be able to find properties, click through photo galleries, get detailed driving instructions, and view event listings for each of our 94 reservations. Many of these reservations will also feature a trail map that you can download and print. Trip reports for each reservation will let you read what other people think of the property and post your own experience.

In a similar fashion, an interactive calendar will allow you to search among our hundreds of events by date, location, or region. And when you want to get away for the weekend, you can check out our historic B&Bs, the Guest House at Field Farm in Williamstown and the Inn at Castle Hill in Ipswich, as well as the Tully Lake Campground in Royalston.

Members can set up an on-line account that will enable them to renew their membership on-line, saving time and resources, and participate in an interactive member forum. You can also select to receive a variety of email newsletters, covering topics from advocacy efforts to land conservation news, special events, and volunteer opportunities.

Visit www.thetrustees.org and see for yourself!



WIN A WEEKEND GETAWAY!

Set up your on-line member account and enter a drawing for a weekend escape at one of our historic B&Bs!

SPECIAL PIECES

Fletcher Steele and Garden Project #251



The Afternoon Garden at Naumkeag, Stockbridge.

The Trustees' archives provide a wealth of information for field staff and researchers from across the country who want to learn about the history and development of our rich and diverse properties. In the process of centralizing the archives, an unassuming series of seven black binders were found to contain notes by the famous landscape architect Fletcher Steele for garden project #251—the gardens at Naumkeag, one of Steele's most significant creations.

The binders contain order forms and correspondence with businesses and contractors from 1927 to 1958 detailing the design

process and implementation. The invaluable information will aid Trustees staff as they continue the restoration of the gardens. For example, while replacing the decoratively carved oak posts in the Afternoon Garden, staff debated whether the posts should be bored to retard checking (cracks that appear as wood dries) in the wood. A February 1929 order to the Davenport Brown Company of Somerville, MA reveals that Steele wrestled with the same issue. His solution? "[B]ore the center of each of 17 posts ... to protect against excess checking."

The binders also shed light on the four cast concrete shell fountains in the Afternoon Garden. The "black pool" in the center of the garden was fashioned from a slab of black Vitrolite in the spring of 1929. This specialty glass, also known as pigmented structural glass, was widely produced in the 1920s and 1930s and is now enjoying a revival as part of early 20th-century preservation projects.

But the most important information is contained in numerous orders for specific varieties of flowers and shrubs. This knowledge will guide our staff as they continue to restore the historic Evergreen Garden. The result will be a garden that closely mimics Steele's original design and takes visitors back to the Gilded Age.

For more information, contact Regional Historic Resources Manager Will Garrison at 413/298-3239 (wgarrison@ttor.org). ■



Volunteer Jeff Kontof cataloguing the Fletcher Steele binders.

Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery has partnered with The Trustees to help conserve open space in Westport.



DEVELOPMENT

Trustees to Enlist Corporate Support

In order to enlist the support of businesses and their employees for our mission, The Trustees has developed a Corporate Program. The program will offer companies a number of opportunities to partner with us, through business membership, sponsorship of Trustees events and programs, and cause marketing ventures.

"The business community can be a great source of support for The Trustees," said Rick Wallwork, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. "We aim to develop long-term relationships with conservation-minded business partners who understand and appreciate our mission."

Partnerships with the business community can be mutually rewarding in many ways. For the Trustees, these partnerships provide a critical source of funding, as well as marketing support, in-kind professional services, and the opportunity to reach new audiences. In return, businesses will be able to provide benefits to their employees, gain visibility through Trustees publications, programs and events, and promote their products and services.


The benefits of the Corporate Program will often extend to Trustees members. One example of such a successful relationship is our partnership with Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery, a company that has partnered with the Trustees on land conservation in the Westport region. Through a special offer (below) and their annual Chardonnay Festival, Westport Rivers provides generous financial support, while in turn reaching our audience and generating goodwill in the community.

For information about the Corporate Program, please contact Rick Wallwork at 978/921-1944 x1865 (rwallwork@ttor.org).

Shop & save land.

Shop at the Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery and 10% of your purchases will be donated to The Trustees of Reservations Land Conservation Fund.

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Jane P. Greene
Conservation Restriction,
Wellesley

LAND CONSERVATION

Conservation Restrictions

HUNNEWELL CONSERVATION
RESTRICTIONS WELLESLEY

The addition of the Jane P. Greene conservation restriction (SEE RIGHT) brings the total number of conservation restrictions donated to The Trustees by members of the Hunnewell family to 15. This remarkable commitment to conservation by one of Massachusetts' most respected families has preserved nearly 200 acres. This area includes some of the most scenic and historically significant landscapes in the Charles River Valley. Thanks to numerous family members, representing three generations of Hunnewells, much of the area on the south and west sides of Lake Waban will be forever preserved.

JANE P. GREENE CONSERVATION
RESTRICTION WELLESLEY

The trustees of the Jane P. Greene Family Trust generously donated an eight-acre conservation restriction on an historic estate on Pond Street near Lake Waban. Fulfilling the wishes of Jane P. Greene, this restriction adds to the lakefront portion of the property that was protected with a conservation restriction donated to The Trustees in 1995. The combined 11-acre property is now conserved forever thanks to the generosity and conservation vision of Jane Greene, who recently passed away, and her heirs. ■

We are focused on establishing a collaborative relationship with Governor Romney's environmental team. Recognizing the seriousness of our state's fiscal situation, we encourage the Romney administration to address the priority conservation needs of Massachusetts with vision, commitment, and professionalism. These needs include the protection of biodiversity, agricultural and forest lands, water resources, greenways linking protected lands, and parks and open space serving our urban communities. Stewardship of protected lands and the management of sprawl have become critically important as well.

To address these needs in this fiscal climate will require an innovative and collaborative spirit. The promises of the Environmental Bond passed in 2002 must be kept. We welcome the leadership and creativity promised by Development Chief Doug Foy and Environmental Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder. Together with our colleagues in the conservation community, we are highlighting the accomplishments of the past several years, pointing to unmet challenges, and welcoming discussion of new approaches. In the meantime, we are supporting conservation-oriented legislation that does not require public funding.

Visit www.thetrustees.org (ABOUT US) to follow these issues and sign up for e-newsletters. ■

conservation count		ACREAGE PROTECTED
LAND OWNED	94 reservations	23,389
LAND UNDER CR	210 parcels	13,892
ASSISTS	74 projects	11,620
(as of 1/15/03)		TOTAL 48,901

We incorrectly identified Norcross Wildlife Foundation and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust as the recipients of our \$250,000 loan for acquisition of Mt. Watatic in the Fall 2002 *Special Places*, 'Open Space Networks.' The recipient should have been identified as the Ashby Land Trust. Both Norcross Wildlife Foundation and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust played critical roles as conservation lenders and supporters by responding to a last-minute request for assistance by supplying separate bridge loans for the acquisition. Without their timely generosity, the project would have failed. We regret any confusion we caused and apologize for our error.

massachusetts land trust conference

saturday, march 15, 2003
bancroft school | worcester, massachusetts

Join us for a day of workshops, seminars, and discussion for land trust board members, staff, and interested volunteers. For registration information, contact Ginny Slack at 978/921-1944 x1863 or landcons@ttor.org.

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SPRING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

MARCH THROUGH MAY 2003

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS REGION

SATURDAYS, MARCH 15, APRIL 12, MAY 10 Marine Debris Survey

EAST BEACH, CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE.

CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508/693-7662 / sbellincampi@ttor.org

This beach cleanup is part of a five-year study at 75 sites across the US. Times and actual dates of survey vary, as there is a 6-day survey window.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 1 to 3 PM

Menemsha Hills Brickyard Hike

MENEMSHA HILLS BRICKYARD CONSERVATION

RESTRICTION, CHILMARK 508/693-7662

Explore the Menemsha Hills Brickyard ruins, remnants of a once prosperous industry. Meet at Menemsha Hills to carpool to site. **Limited space; pre-register. Members only.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 7:30 to 9:30 PM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Wasque Night Sky

WASQUE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508/693-7662

Explore the night sky with amateur astronomer Dick Jennings. Clear night only. **Pre-register, limited transportation from the Chappy ferry is available. FREE to all.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 1 to 3 PM

Vernal Pool Exploration

MENEMSHA HILLS, CHILMARK 508/693-7662

Explore Martha's Vineyard's only state-certified vernal pool. We will be netting the pool and looking for invertebrates and amphibians. Wear shoes that can get wet. Meet at the Menemsha Hills parking lot. **FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, MAY 10 9 AM to 12 NOON

Mytoi Spring Planting

MYTOI, CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508/693-7662

Celebrate spring with a day of planting and caring for the Island's only Japanese-style garden. Bring work gloves and shovels, we will provide lunch. **Pre-register. FREE to all.**

CENTRAL REGION

SATURDAYS, MARCH 8, APRIL 26, MAY 10 9 AM to 4 PM

Tully Trail Workdays

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON 978/840-4446

Help us maintain and improve the Tully Trail. Bring work gloves, bow saws, loppers or pruning saws. Wear heavy shoes and work clothing. We will provide additional tools. Bring a bag lunch. **Pre-register one week prior. FREE to all.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 2 to 4 PM

Vernal Pools with Sue Cloutier of the Athol Bird and Nature Club

NORTH COMMON MEADOW, PETERSHAM 978/248-9491

Explore these temporary pools that are the nursery rooms for frogs, toads, and salamanders. Bring boots and a sense of adventure. Meet at the East Street entrance. **Pre-register. Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$10.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 2 PM to 4 PM

Meet Lucy Stone!

WEST BROOKFIELD 978/840-4446

Celebrate Women's History Month with one of the foremost figures of women's suffrage and anti-slavery movements of the 19th century. Judith Black will portray Lucy Stone in a program that celebrates The Trustees' recent acquisition of Lucy's birthplace. Light refreshments. **FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 9 AM to 4 PM

Tully Lake Campground Workday

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON 978/840-4446

Help re-open Tully Lake Campground! Bring work gloves, shovels, handsaws, loppers, and a bag lunch. Other tools provided. **Pre-register. FREE to all.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 9 to 11 AM

Signs of Spring Hike!

PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON 978/840-4446

Rebecca Jacobs of the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary will lead a hike up the mountain in search of signs of spring. Meet at the main parking lot on Butler Road. **Pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$5, child (ages 6-12) \$3.**

SATURDAY, MAY 3 10 AM to 2 PM

RAIN DATE: MAY 4

Rock House Trail Work Day

ROCK HOUSE RESERVATION, W. BROOKFIELD 978/840-4446

Bring work gloves, pruning saws, loppers, and a bag lunch! Other tools provided. Meet at the entrance on Route 9. **Pre-register. FREE to all.**

SUNDAY, MAY 18 12 NOON to 4 PM

Session I: Nature Journaling with Annie Chappell

JACOBS HILL, ROYALSTON 978/248-9491

Covers drawing basics. Bring sketchpads or journals, pencils and sharpener, eraser, and black pens. Meet at the Route 68 entrance. **Limit 10; pre-register. Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$10.**

GREATER BOSTON

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 10 AM to 2 PM

RAIN DATE: APRIL 12

Spring Clean-up at The Old Manse

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Prepare The Old Manse for Patriot's Day weekend. Bring work gloves, rakes, and shovels. Other tools provided. **Pre-register. FREE to all.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

The Old Manse Guided Tours

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

The Home of Emerson & Hawthorne opens for guided tours, Monday-Saturday, 10AM-5PM. Sundays & holidays, 12NOON-5AM (Closed Easter). Last tour leaves at 4:30PM. **Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$7.50, senior/student \$6.50, child \$5.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 7 to 8:30 PM

RAIN DATE: APRIL 21

Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Honor those who fought in 1775 with over 600 luminaries, a program of musical selections, and historic readings. Refreshments to follow. North Bridge. Bring a flashlight. **FREE to all.**

MONDAY, APRIL 21 7:30 to 11 AM

Patriot's Day at The Old Manse

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Enjoy our annual "sutler's tent" for baked goods, beverages, and 18th-century items from our museum shop. Parade. House tours 11AM-5PM. **For tour prices, see April 18th.**

SUNDAY, MAY 11 12 NOON to 5 PM

Mother's Day at The Old Manse

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Discover how the role of Mother was changed over the years by the families living here. **Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$7.50, senior/student \$6.50, child \$5.**

SUNDAY, MAY 25 12 NOON to 4 PM

Happy Birthday, Waldo!

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Celebrate Ralph Waldo Emerson's 200th birthday! Meet his 19th-century friends and relatives as they prepare a celebration. For all ages. Other events in town. **FREE to all.**

HIGH HILL & LONG HILL

MARCH AND APRIL DAWN to DUSK

Long Hill Self-Guided Garden Tours

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978/921-1944

Come any day and enjoy a self-guided tour. Cherry Blossoms—usually last week of April to first week of May. Tree Peonies—usually third and fourth weeks of May. Brochures and maps at the bulletin board. **FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, APRIL 5 1 to 3 PM

Winter Wildlife Walks

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/356-4351

Explore the varied habitats and winter wildlife of Castle Neck. Three-mile walk leaves from Castle Hill parking area. Bring your binoculars. Not appropriate for young children. **Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.**

SUNDAYS, MARCH 2, APRIL 6 1 to 3 PM

Natural History Hikes

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH & HAMILTON 978/356-5728

Discover seasonal changes with local naturalist John Nove. Meet at the Highland St. parking area. Not for young children. **Wear comfortable shoes. FREE to all.**

SATURDAYS, MARCH 8, MARCH 15

12PM tour with 1PM tea or 2PM tour with 3PM tea Great House Spring Tea & Tour

CASTLE HILL, THE CRANE ESTATE 978/356-4351

Enjoy a guided tour followed by freshly brewed tea, savory tea sandwiches, and delectable sweets and scones. **Advance ticket purchase required. Members: \$18. Nonmembers: \$26.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 10 AM to 12 NOON

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Nature Writers Workshop

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978/526-8687

Come hear stories by local nature writers. Then try your own nature journaling. **Pre-register: FREE to all.**

SATURDAYS, MARCH 22, APRIL 5, 12 & 26

AND MAY 10 9 to 11 AM

Cultural Landscape Tours

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH 978/356-5728

Visit the Appleton farmstead and learn about the historic farm buildings, operations, and landscape features. **Pre-register: Wear comfortable shoes. FREE to all.**

STARTING IN APRIL

Long Hill Lecture and Workshop Series

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978/921-1944

The Horticultural Lecture and Workshop Series will include more evening and weekend offerings this year for the convenience of all. **Call for brochure or log onto www.thetrustees.org!**

SATURDAY MORNINGS IN APRIL

Ravenwood Navigators Series

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978/526-8687

Develop orienteering skills while learning methods used by some expert animal navigators. Features local specialists, live animals, migrating animal watches, and group projects. Field trips to other locations. **Pre-register: For youth ages 9-12, with our without adult guardian. FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 5 to 8 PM

Best of Castle Hill: Food and Wine Tasting

CASTLE HILL, THE CRANE ESTATE 978/356-4351

Experience an evening of elegance with some of the region's most distinguished caterers. Includes a sampling of wines from around the world. **Reservations required. Members: \$45. Nonmembers: \$55.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 2 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 2 PM

Vernal Pools of Appleton Farms

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH 978/356-5728

Discover what makes these vernal pools unique and vital. Children 8 and over are welcome. Meet at the Highland St. parking area, Hamilton. **Pre-register: FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, MAY 10 10 AM to 3 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

Long Hill Plant Sale

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978/524-1871 OR 978/468-7073

Unusual trees, shrubs, and perennials from distinguished nurseries, arboreta, and Long Hill. Expert horticultural advice. If you can help on the morning of the 10th or the week before, please call. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the gardens after the sale. **No dogs, please. FREE to all.**

SUNDAYS BEGINNING, MAY 11 1 to 5 PM

The Stevens-Coolidge Place House Tours

THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE, N. ANDOVER 978/682-3580

Tour this Colonial Revival estate, complete with its original collections, wall murals, and period textiles. Gardens open daily, 8AM-sunset. Groups by appointment. **Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$5, child (under 12) \$3.**

SATURDAY, MAY 17 10 AM to 2 PM

The Stevens-Coolidge Place Plant Sale

THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE, N. ANDOVER 978/682-3580

Perennials, old roses, and unusual annuals will be for sale at this popular annual plant sale. Enjoy the spring garden display. Plant sale preview begins at 9 AM rain or shine. **FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, MAY 17 10 to 11:30 AM

Useful Plants—"Eat the Weeds!"

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH & HAMILTON 978/356-5728

Learn to identify common edible plants. Discuss their potential uses. Meet at the Wadlingfield Road parking area. **Pre-register: FREE to all.**

SUNDAY, MAY 18 2 to 4 PM

Appleton Farms Pinnacle to Pinnacle Hike

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH & HAMILTON 978/356-5728

Visit the four Gore Hall pinnacle monuments and learn about the Appleton family. Moderately strenuous, hike is 3.5 miles long. Meet at the Highland St. parking area, Hamilton. **Pre-register: FREE to all.**

TUESDAY, MAY 20 8:30 to 11:30 AM

Exploring the Birds of Appleton Farms

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH & HAMILTON 978/356-5728

Explore forests, grasslands, and meadows for a variety of bird species. Co-sponsored with the Joppa Flats Education Center. Highland St. parking area. **Pre-register: Members: adult \$14 (\$24 for two). Nonmembers: adult \$17 (\$30 for two).**

THURSDAY, MAY 29 5 to 7 PM

Evening Birding at Appleton Farms

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH 978/356-5728

Look for the courtship and territorial displays of nesting birds. Co-sponsored with the Joppa Flats Education Center. Highland St. parking area. **Pre-register: Members: adult \$10 (\$17 for two). Nonmembers: adult \$12 (\$20 for two).**

MARCH, DATE TBA 9 PM to 10 PM

Salamander Soiree

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,

FALL RIVER S08/679-2115 x10

Witness the spring salamander migration around one of the Bioreserve's many vernal pools. Exact date dependent on weather conditions. Call if interested. **Pre-register: FREE to all.**

AGES 8-10: TUESDAYS, MARCH 11, 18, 25,

APRIL 1, 8, 15 3:15 to 4:45 PM

AGES 6-7: WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 12, 19, 26,

APRIL 2, 9, 16 3:15 to 4:45 PM

After School Nature Club — Session 1

TURKEY HILL & WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Children will love learning about ecology through games, hikes and nature projects. Turkey Hill (first 3 weeks) and World's End (last 3 weeks). **Limited space; pre-register. Members: \$35 per series. Nonmembers: \$50 per series.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 7 to 8:30 PM

Poison Ivy: It's a Jungle Out There, Talk

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Identify, prevent, treat and eliminate poison ivy with author Heidi Ratner-Connolly. **FREE to all. See April 5 for associated hike.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 1 to 3 PM

Watershed Walk

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,

FALL RIVER S08/679-2115 x10

Bob Rocha of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay leads an exploration to the far northwestern corner of the Buzzards Bay watershed. **FREE to all.**

MONDAYS MARCH – MAY 10 to 11:30 AM

MARCH 17, 24, 31 World's End, Hingham

APRIL 7, 14, 28 Turkey Hill, Hingham

MAY 5, 12, 19 Norris Reservation, Norwell

Spring Outing for Kids

Children four years or younger will explore the seashore, pond, field, and forest. **Limited space. Pre-register, 781/821-2977. Members: \$50. Nonmembers: \$75.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 10 AM to 12 NOON

Vernal Pools for Adults

WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Discover the significance of spring pools and their unique creatures. Turkey Hill Lane parking lot. **Limited space. Pre-register: FREE to all.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Poison Ivy: It's a Jungle Out There, Hike

TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Take a family hike with author Heidi Ratner-Connolly. Learn how to identify and treat poison ivy. **Limited space. Pre-register: FREE to all.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 1 to 3 PM

Paper Making

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,

FALL RIVER S08/679-2115 x10

Local artist and naturalist Ruth Edwards teaches the art of making recycled paper. **Pre-register: FREE to all.**

MONDAYS, APRIL 7, 14, 28 and MAY 5, 12, 19

11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Seniors Walking Club

HINGHAM & NORWELL 781/821-2977

Turkey Hill, Hingham: April 7, 14, 28. Norris, Norwell: May 5, 12, 19. Join fitness instructor Mary Doherty or education coordinator Tara Nieves and other seniors as you walk two of our beautiful South Shore properties. **FREE to all.**

SATURDAYS, APRIL 12, 26, and MAY 10

10 AM to 12 NOON

Nature Photography for Beginners

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781/821/2977

Discover the techniques of landscape, wildlife, and macro photography. Any still or video camera can be used. Park in Turkey Hill Lane lot. **Limited space; pre-register: FREE to all.**

TUESDAYS: APRIL 15, 29

MAY 6, 13, 20 9:30 to 11 AM

WEDNESDAYS: APRIL 16, 30,

MAY 7, 14, 21 9:30 to 11 AM

Mom & Me Mornings

WEIR RIVER FARM & WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS,

HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Explore the farm, field, and forest with your 4 or 5 year old. Through games and projects you and your child will bond while experiencing the natural world. **Limited space; pre-register: Members: \$30. Nonmembers: \$45.**

MONDAY, APRIL 21 10 AM to 1 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 10 AM to 1 PM

Vacation Special — Open Barnyard

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Meet the animals! Park in lot on Turkey Hill Lane.

Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: \$3.

APRIL 22 – 24 9 AM to 12 PM

April Vacation Nature Program for Kids

Tuesday: Vernal Pool Exploration

WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Wednesday: Explore the Seashore

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781-821-2977

Thursday: Let's Go Ponding!

NORRIS RESERVATION, NORWELL 781-821-2977

Limited space; pre-register. Members: \$60. Nonmembers: \$75.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 7:30 to 9 PM

Vacation Special — Nature at Night

TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Family nighttime nature walk, stories, & tasty s'mores around the campfire. Limited space; pre-register: *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

History of Copicut Woods

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,

FALL RIVER 508/679-2115 x10

Cultural historian Electa Tritsch leads a walk into the past at The Trustees' newly acquired property, Copicut Woods. *FREE* to all.

AGES 8–10: TUESDAYS, APRIL 29,

MAY 6, 13, 20, 27, JUNE 3 3:15 to 4:45 PM

AGES 6–7: WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 30,

MAY 7, 14, 21, 28, JUNE 4 3:15 to 4:45 PM

After School Nature Club — Session 2

TURKEY HILL & WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Games, hikes, and nature projects teach about ecology.

Limited space; pre-register. Members: \$35. Nonmembers: \$50.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 7:30 AM

Birding for Beginners

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Learn helpful hints for basic bird identification.

Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: \$4.50.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 1 to 3 PM

Wildflower Walk

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,

FALL RIVER 508/679-2115 x10

Search out May flowers with Gary Plunkett of the New England Wildflower Society. *FREE* to all.

SUNDAY, MAY 11 1 PM

Mother's Day Walk

WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Walk amidst blooming rhododendrons, azaleas, lady slippers, and others. Meet at the main parking lot on route 3A, across from the Mobil station. Pre-register: *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 10 AM to 12 NOON

Wild Edible and Medicinal Weed Walk

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Herbalist Nancy Lopin explains wild edible and medicinal plants. Limited space; pre-register. Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: \$4.50.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 9 to 11 AM

Garden Tour and Nature Walk

BRADLEY ESTATE, CANTON 781/821-2977

Tour of the gardens and nature trails. Enjoy the spring-blooming flowers! Pre-register: *FREE* to all.

SUNDAY, MAY 18 2 to 3 PM

Discover The Trustees' 94th Reservation!

FRANCIS WILLIAM PARK, EAST WALPOLE 508/668-6136

Enjoy a guided walk of this historic designed landscape.

Pre-register: *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, MAY 31 10 AM to 12 PM

Butterflies of the Bioreserve

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,

FALL RIVER 508/679-2115 x10

Learn more about these winged wonders with Mark Mello from the Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies. *FREE* to all.

THURSDAYS, SPRING, SUMMER

AND FALL 9 AM to 12 NOON

Volunteer Work Party

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Help weed the Cobble of exotic invasive species. Learn how to identify and conserve our native species. *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 7 to 8:30 PM

Northern Exposures — A Photographic Journey Through Alaska

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Local wildlife photographer Scott Robinson chronicles his recent Alaska trip. Proceeds benefit the Cobble.

Pre-register. Members: adult \$3, child (6–16) *FREE*.

Nonmembers: adult \$6, child (6–16) \$2.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 9 AM to 12:30 PM

Bartholomew's Cobble Work Day

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

We've got a job for everyone! Bring gloves and lunch.

Drinks provided. Please call in advance! *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 9 AM to 12 NOON

Garlic Mustard Pull

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Help us remove garlic mustard, an aggressive non-native species that displaces native plants. *FREE* to all.

SUNDAYS, APRIL 20 through MAY 26

10 AM to 12 NOON

Spring Wildflower Walk

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Join us guided walks through woods famous for spring flowers. Bring a camera & field guide. Guest naturalist, Anieh Tal, on May 4th. Pre-register. Members: adult \$3, child (6–16) *FREE*. Nonmembers: adult \$6, child (6–16) \$2.

SATURDAYS, APRIL 26 through MAY 31

10:30 AM to 12 NOON

Vernal Pool Life

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Explore life in our spring ponds. We'll look for frogs, and salamanders. Pre-register. Members: adult \$3, child (6–16) *FREE*. Nonmembers: adult \$6, child (6–16) \$2.

SUNDAYS, APRIL 27 through MAY 25 7 AM

Birding the Cobble

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Bird walks with ecologist, Jose Garcia, or local boy wonder of birding, Kai Reed. All levels welcome. Members: adult \$3, child (6–16) *FREE*. Nonmembers: adult \$6, child (6–16) \$2.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 9 AM to 1 PM

Chapelbrook Workday

CHAPELBROOK, ASHFIELD 413/684-0148

Call for date. Help members of the AMC Climbing group improve trails leading to climbing areas. Includes moving gravel and/or wood chips and trail construction. *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 9 AM to 12 NOON

RAIN DATE: MAY 10

Garlic Mustard Pull

DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS, HOLYOKE 413/684-0148

Join our efforts to control invasive garlic mustard by hand pulling. Bring gloves and a snack. Pre-register: *FREE* to all.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 10 AM to 1 PM

A Wildflower Paradise

QUESTING, NEW MARLBOROUGH 413/298-3239

Lovely spring ephemerals bring Questing to life with colorful blossoms. Bring a hand lens, camera, field guides and a lunch. Led by Anieh Tal, naturalist and nature photographer. Co-sponsored with the New England Wild Flower Society. Limited to 16; pre-register. Members: \$18. Nonmembers: \$21.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 1 PM to 5 PM

Tree Peony Preview

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Enjoy the spectacular beauty of the peonies in bloom. Learn how to grow this beautiful shrub. Tour the first floor of the house. Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: adult \$7, child \$3.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 10 AM to 5 PM

Naumkeag Guided Tours

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Naumkeag opens for the season. Daily 10AM–5PM through Columbus Day. Enjoy a guided tour of the house. Discover one of the most beautiful gardens in the country. Members: *Free*. Nonmembers: adult \$10, child \$3.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 10 AM to 5 PM

Mission House Guided Tours

MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

The Mission House opens for the season, daily 10AM–5PM through Columbus Day. A National Historic Landmark, this 18th-century home will take you back to the Colonial Era. Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: adult \$5, child \$3.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 10 AM to 5 PM

Ashley House Guided Tours

COL. JOHN ASHLEY HOUSE, SHEFFIELD 413/298-3239

The Ashley House opens for the season. Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays 10AM–5PM through Columbus Day. A guided tour of the house will tell the story of how Mumbet, the Ashley's slave, won her freedom. Members: *FREE*. Nonmembers: adult \$5, child \$3.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Look for this symbol near events
which offer volunteer opportunities!

REGIONAL RO



NORTHEAST REGION

Approximately 2500 people attended the 4th annual **Appleton Farms Family Fun Day**. Coordinators Dave Aldrich and Chris Begg did a fabulous job organizing the event, which featured farm tours, hay rides, and more.

The **8th Annual Castle Hill Concours d'Elegance** took place in September. More than six thousand people visited The Crane Estate to view over 100 classic cars competing for various awards. And an additional 500 vintage, pre-1973 cars, lined the second and third allée and filled the Steep Hill Beach lot.

Feedback from the public was extremely positive. The Concours improves each year and would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the 80-plus staff and volunteers who work on this event. Thanks to all!

The **Inn at Castle Hill** received a recommendation from *Yankee Magazine* (September issue) in an article about visiting Cape Ann and was named one of five "Most Romantic Destinations" by *Romantic Homes* (October issue).



GREATER BOSTON

The one-year pilot program at **Rocky Woods, Green Dogs—Sharing the Trail**, shows real promise as a way to balance dog walking and other uses of the property. We're pleased to report that 355 dogs are sporting Green Dogs permits and that the program has attracted many new family members to The Trustees. Concerns about visitor safety and property attractiveness that led to the program's creation have dissipated almost completely. But the Green Dogs program relies on income from members who joined to receive dog permits. To keep the program going into a second year, we need your support. If you are a dog walker, please contact Becky Siebens at 781/828-5423 (bsiebens@ttor.org) for more information.



SOUTHEAST REGION

Tom Foster has been promoted to Director of Field Operations.

Jonathan Goldberg joined The Trustees in October as the new **Southeast Regional Director**. Jonathan worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance, Operational Services Division, and the Department of Public Health. He has degrees in Forest Technology and Management.

A crisp, beautiful October day was the setting for the official dedication of the **Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve** at the Freetown-Fall River State Forest. The crowd of attendees included Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Secretary Bob Durand, Fall River Mayor Edward Lambert, and the region's legislative delegation.

The Walk Series continues to be a hit and recently featured a mammal walk led by Gail Janeczek, education curator at the Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford. The bioreserve provides habitat for 37 of the 58 mammal species native to Massachusetts, including growing populations of coyote and fisher. We hope to make this the first of many programs offered in collaboration with the zoo, which features North American animals in exhibits that recreate their natural habitats.



CAPE COD & ISLANDS

Regional Ecologist Lloyd Raleigh has been working on habitat monitoring at **Wasque and Long Point Wildlife Refuge**. Six summers have passed since we began studying vegetation structure, plant species diversity, breeding birds, and soils. One federally endangered plant, sandplain gerardia, now has a foothold at Long Point—34 plants have sprouted.

At **Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge**, environmental consultants for a proposed wind farm are using avian radar to collect data on migrating shorebirds. The information, which will be used in the environmental review process for the wind farm, will let us know which birds are migrating across Nantucket Sound to Cape Poge.

The Center For Marine Conservation honored The Trustees and our volunteers for our five-years of participation in the **Marine Debris Survey**, which involves monitoring the trash that washes up on a designated 500-meter area of East Beach on Cape Poge. The study has been extended.



CENTRAL REGION

The 3rd annual **Peaked Mountain Birthday Party** drew 150-200 people who hiked the reservation and enjoyed various presentations, from a raptor exhibit to programs exploring Lunden Pond. Thanks to Len Harrington, Denis Duquette, Leslie Duthie, and Hope Bodwell for their help. Meanwhile, a state-of-the-art timber harvester has been hard at work thinning the forest in the Miller Forest Tract. The long-term effects of our policy of active timber management will produce a multi-aged, multi-species stand of trees that is aesthetically pleasing and highly beneficial to wildlife.

Volunteers helped cut a portion of the new Fullam Trail at **Rock House Reservation**. And a very good time was had by all at the 9th annual Rock House Dinner & Auction at Ye Olde Tavern. The Rock House Committee did a great job and net proceeds for the event came to \$3,900.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the **Crowd Site** dedication in Sturbridge a success! Guest speakers at the dedication included two direct descendants of Robert Crowd, who spoke eloquently of the importance of their ancestor and the site of his home to their family history. Ken White of the local Nipmuc tribe led those present in a prayer of thanksgiving spoken in Algonkian.